

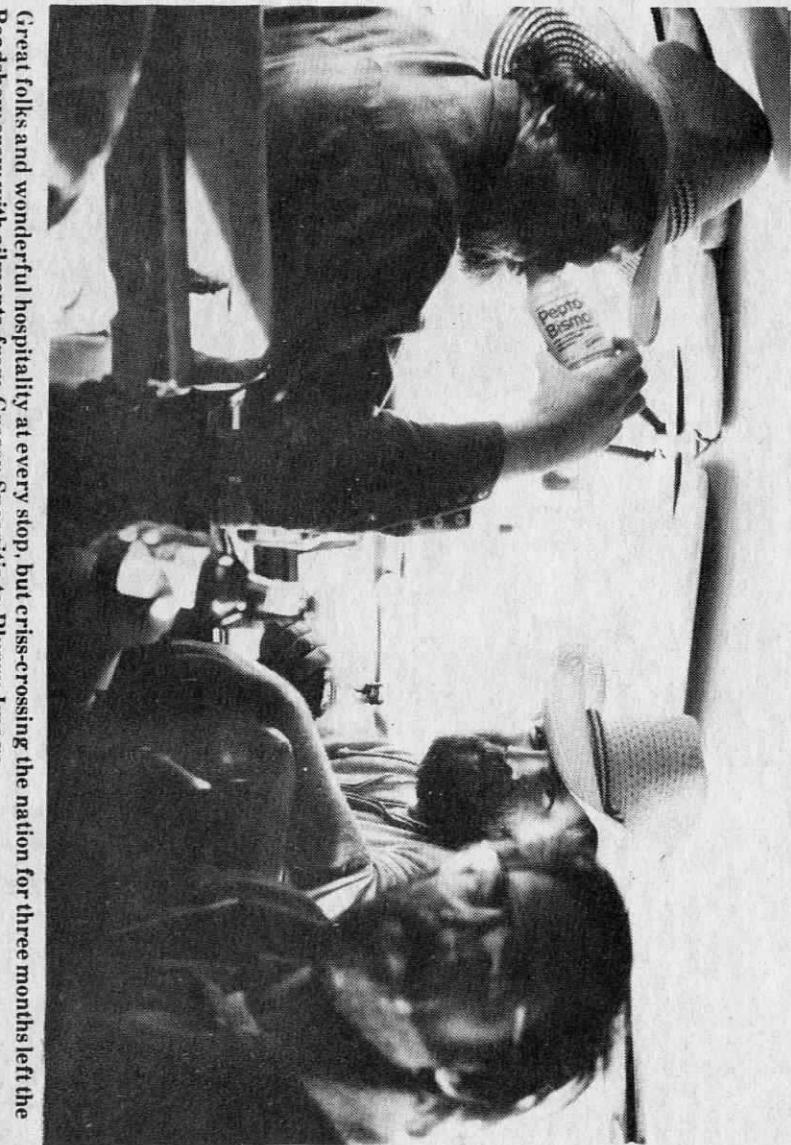
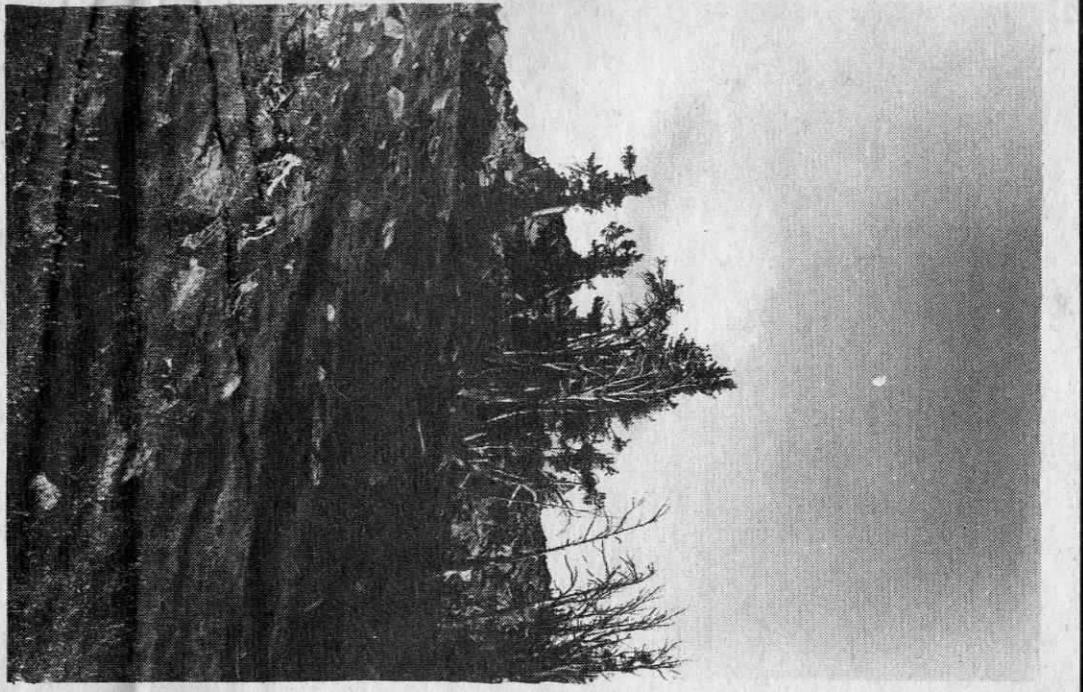


# EA RTH FIRST!

Yule Edition

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Great folks and wonderful hospitality at every stop, but criss-crossing the nation for three months left the Roadshow crew with ailments from Greasy Spoonitis to Blurry Image.

## Show Over, EF! Roadies Unwind

After hitting some forty communities and colleges from California to Connecticut in a little less than 3 months, Bart (Johnny Sagebrush), Koehler and Dave Foreman, along with business managers Sharon Netherton and Ron Kezar, wound up the Road Show on Thanksgiving Day at a posole/tamale/beer picnic on the banks of the Gila River just south of the Gila

**WILDERNESS AREA** (Webster's definition): n, often cap. W&A: an often large tract of public land maintained essentially in its natural state and protected against introduction of intrusive artifacts (as roads and buildings).

## STANDING FIRM

by Dave Foreman

Friday, November 13th, 1981, will be a day remembered by Earth lovers as Black Friday, because on that day the Reagan Administration announced the issuing of oil and gas exploration leases in the Captain Wilderness of the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico, and plans to offer similar leases in the great Washakie Wilderness of northwestern Wyoming. Proposals are also being pursued by Rape'n'Run Watt to lease other Wilderness Areas for oil and gas, including the Bob Marshall in Montana and Maroon Bells, Eagle Nest, Mt. Sneffels plus others in Colorado, and in California. And more recently, the opening of the Gila and Aldo Leopold Wilderness areas.

Upon hearing of the Captain leasing, New Mexico Congressman Manuel Lujan, Jr. (never accused of being an environmental extremist) evidently became pissed and offered the Lujan Resolution to the House Interior Committee of which he is senior Republican member. His resolution would have utilized a provision of the 1976 Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) giving the committee the power to effect an emergency withdrawal of areas from leasing. Lujan's Resolution would have withdrawn all areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System from oil and gas leasing as well as buying back the already granted leases in the Captain Wilderness. Then the oil boys came down on Lujan. George Bush (an oil man from Houston) called Lujan and told him to forget about the fund-raising dinner at which Bush was going to speak (Lujan may be in a tough race for re-election). Then the Republicans on the Interior Committee led by the anti-environmentalists in the Green River area.

Shortly after the Sagebrush Patriots' Rally this 4th of July, at which Ken delivered an impassioned speech, someone snuck onto

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## Slighting Sleight

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characterized Ken Sleight his access bridge (which is over a canal, not the Green River).

Recently, Ken was on an outing in Hanksville and happened to run into a driller who had just lost his rig to an act of suspected sabotage. The driller collared Ken and told him,

"Listen, Mr. Sleight, I know you didn't do this, but I know it's some of those monkey-wrenchers..."

Even before Ed Abbey characterized Ken Sleight his access bridge (which is over a canal, not the Green River) in the novel, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*, Sleight has been the human dartboard for anti-environmentalists in the Green River area.

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## Editor's Notes

Earth First!ers, Susan Morgan has decided to take some classes, do some catching up on personal chores and direct her attention to an assortment of Earth First! projects. Susan was the main force behind this newsletter for the first year of its existence and she deserves a hearty round of applause for all the work she did. Thank you, Susan.

Now that I have been given the responsibility of churning out this newsletter eight times a year, I can't think of any other activity I'd rather be doing, nor can I think of another organization I'd rather be associated with. I am going to give you nothing less than the best I can. And if you have ANY suggestions, remarks or complaints, don't hesitate to shoot them off to me.

As you know, Earth First! is probably the most egalitarian and informal grassroots environmental group around. But what sets us apart and binds us together is best summed up by our name. Some people put money first. Some folks put the "hereafter" first. Earth First!ers put the Earth First!

About this newsletter. We're saving a bundle in the production of this rag by doing all of our own design, photo sizing (permits gang-shoots of halftones), layout and special preparations. All that we farm out are the typesetting, halftones and printing, and for these services we get cut-rate prices. We strive to print on recycled paper, such as this newsprint.

As we are going to press, we get word that the fanatic in charge of the Dept. of Interior has had a revelation and has issued a commandment to his flock; he has evidently decided to break with his tradition of "encouraging useful dialogue" and shall henceforth refuse to meet or speak with members of any environmental group, and he has ordered his employees, the entire Interior Dept., to do the same. Earth First! is truly sorry about this. We were so enjoying the fireside chats. Well, I suppose we should at least try to respond.

Listen here, Mr. James G. Watt, you slimy, half-human, immature and short-sighted moron, we simply are not going to sit back and let you and your ilk run amuck, tearing at the Earth as you go. Go ahead, reserve your prissy presence for the greedy vipers and sycophants. After all, you're one of them. And wipe that silly smirk off your face. We see right through your self-righteous demeanor. You think you are going to make your mark on history, and you may succeed... by ending it. But not without a fight first. Oh, now don't go off bouting again. We're not going to hurt you. We just want you to keep your greasy palms out of our wilderness and leave the Earth to heal herself. Now get the hell out of here!

Prickly Pete

The Earth First! Newsletter is the official membership publication of Earth First! The EFN is sent eight times a year to dues-paying members of EFN only. No newsstand sales or outside subscriptions are available. Dues are \$10/year. Additional contributions are vastly appreciated. Because of current restrictions and technicalities, EFN is not yet a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Maybe someday. Meanwhile, all "profits" from Earth First! are put into a fund to be used for special projects and to pay the taxes we're going to be stuck with. Please notify us promptly of change of address. Earth First! Newsletter, PO Box 26221, Salt Lake City, UT 84126

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# Choking Freedom

1984 is a couple years off, but the Reagan Regime is already hard at work trying to make the Orwellian nightmare come true in the form of Senate Bill S. 1630. S.B.S. 1630 would produce chains of repression as never before felt in this country. It is a bill, which if passed, would virtually shatter any First Amendment rights we might now enjoy. It classifies an entire range of activities (such as speaking against war, opposing the draft, demonstrating against war, tricking or misleading an FBI agent, picketing to influence, a judicial proceeding, causing property damage at nukes, leaking classified material, chal-

lenging gag orders, distributing "obscene" material, blowing the whistle on government corruption, etc.) as federal crimes, punishable by mandatory minimum sentences and stiff fines (up to a million dollars for organizations). Earth First! and the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL) are asking people to write to senators asking them to kill S.B.S. 1630, and demanding that representatives hold in-depth hearings. For more information, or to contribute to NCARL, write to them at either: 510 C Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 (202-543-7659), or: 1250 Wilshire Blvd. #501, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

## Crawdads in the Slammer

As we move ever-further into the repressive '80s, we will undoubtedly be receiving more reports such as the word that the Crawdad Alliance of Missouri is facing what is for them enormous legal costs and hard times as a result of their actions. Here is a condensed version of the release we received:

On October 6, 1981, eighteen members of the Crawdad Alliance were sentenced to 120 days in jail and fined \$400 each for trespassing on the grounds of the Union Electric Company's nuclear power plant, which is under construction in Calloway County, Missouri. The non-violent, civil disobedient action took place on March 28, 1981.

In passing his sentence, Missouri Associate Circuit Court Judge, Milt Harper, said, "We were not dealing with individuals of violent records, but with individuals who had a

certain political belief. However, the law has been broken, and the law must be upheld. The sentences were to demonstrate that this type of behavior would not be tolerated." Even though most of the defendants received reduced sentences and fines, the Crawdad Alliance is planning an appeal. During the trial, Alliance members were not allowed to testify as to why they committed the trespass, and were not allowed to have their expert witness, University of Pittsburgh radiation physicist, Dr. Ernest Sternglass, testify.

The Crawdad Alliance has set up a legal defense fund to help offset the costs of their victimization. To find out more, or to contribute money, write or call the Crawdad Alliance at P.O. Box 9182, St. Louis, Missouri 63117. Phone: (314) 726-2169.

## Letters to the Editor

Welcome to Utah. Home of the bereaved. Some of the culprits: Nine-nuke cluster (proposed); Intermountain Power Plant (world's largest coal-burner—under construction); MX (almost); Pershing II testing; Alton Coal leases (coming); oil and gas exploration in the W.S.A. in the Bookcliffs (they're already up there blading and grading); Rocky Flats (if they move here); Leukemia victims (dying); Weteyes; National Nuke Waste Dump (DOE wants it near Canyonlands Nat'l Park); tar sands drilling (near the Maze); and oil shale (Goodbye, Colorado River).

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Dear EF!

I am a writer from New York City. I left my heart in Utah and am always pleased to receive the EF! Newsletter. Kinda perks up my days spent amid the monumental buildings on this concrete desert.

I am writing a play tentatively titled "The Gospel According to Watt," or "Sayings of Secretary Watt," or maybe "The Night the Lights Went On in Wyoming." The hero of this play is of course our current Secretary of the Interior, and in order to protect myself from complaints of libel or defamation of character, I would like to use *direct quotes only* from the original source as the lines for this character. In this case truth is stranger than fiction anyway.

If you or any other EF'ers have material on Watt in your files, and wouldn't mind parting with Xeroxes of the same, it would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to print my appeal, name and address in the EF! Newsletter.

Thank you!

Jessica Abbe  
450 Waverly Ave.  
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Dear Earth First!

I am sending you my comments on your recent lead article, "We've Got to Do Some Motherin'." I read it out loud twice because the amazing style amused me so much.

I suspect that such rhetorical lot air disguises some very woolly thinking on the part of the writer. Is it really intended to inspire and persuade me? If I were to take it seriously, its unclear, verbose and melodramatic style would drive me to join Mr. Watt. Fortunately, it's so

## EF Convention

### On "Hold"

Dear EF!

While I am not sure your publication is worth \$10 I have elected to send you \$10 on the theory that laughs are also worth money. One needs comic relief (sic) these days. I also suspect you may be on the level, i.e. serious. But I doubt it.

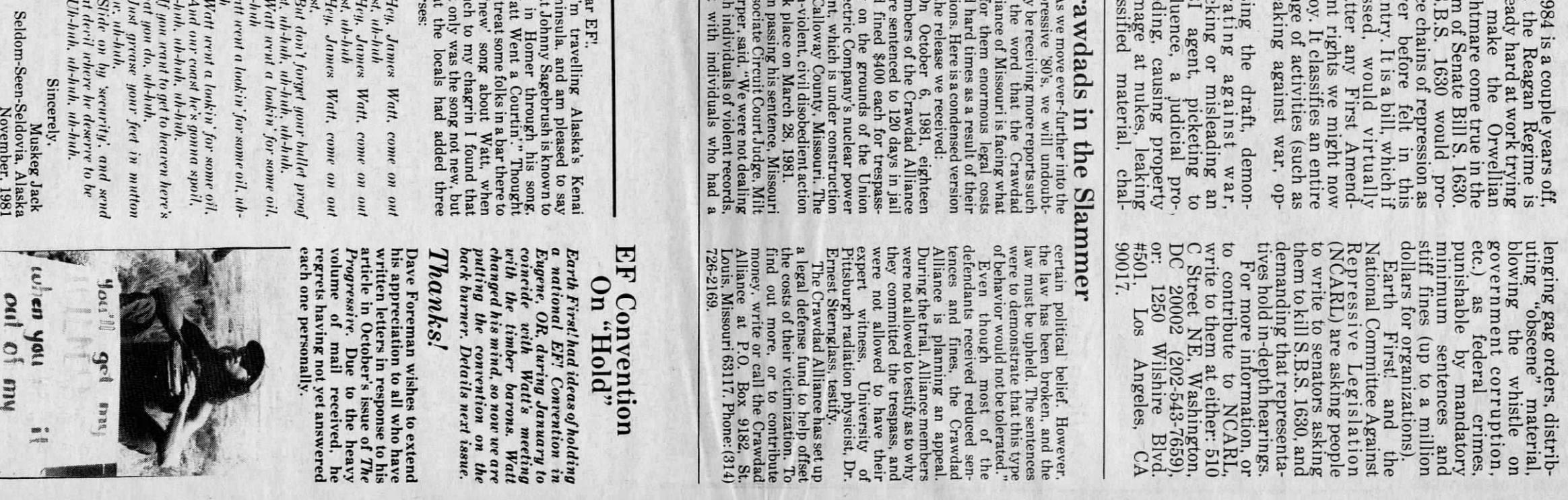
Also I am enclosing EXTRA money for bumper stickers. I want two (2) Hayduke Saves, (1) Damn Watt not rivers and (1) one Earth First!

Please rush these items to:

J.V.  
Phoenix, AZ  
Sierra Club,  
Grand Canyon Chapter, AZ

(Ed. note) Dear J.V. How do you spell "relief"? Yes, I can say we are on your level. Look through this issue and tell us if you have any doubts. But you are right, we do need some laughs, so we have included those too. Re: your stickers, we'll get them out as soon as our printer gets some new ones printed up: they go like hot U235 cakes.

Sincerely,  
Muskeg Jack  
Seldom-Seen-Seldovia, Alaska  
November, 1981



Keep those cards coming in. Here's one from the Sagebrush Patriots Rally which was signed simply, "Greetings from Blanding, Utah." Thanks, Carl!

## Lock Them Up! EF! Preserves

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the EF! Newsletter.*



Inner Gorge of the Grand Canyon.

## A Petition to Raze the Dam

While Earth First! advocates peaceful, direct political action in the fight to save Mother Earth, there are a plethora of related tactics which we ought not ignore, such as writing letters, speaking out and cir-

### UNITED STATES CONGRESS

The construction of Glen Canyon Dam and the filling of Lake Powell on the Utah/Arizona border was probably the single most destructive project to the environment every undertaken in the United States. It destroyed an incomparable area of red rock canyon wilderness. We, the undersigned citizens of the United

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replaced as head Republican on the Committee by Young. Finally, fat cat contributors to Lujan back in New Mexico called him up and demanded their money back.

"Facilitated" by Republican Congressman, Dick Cheney, from Wyoming, the Interior Committee then reached namby-pamby agreement with Rapen'Run Watt. Watt would refrain from any additional oil and gas leasing in Wilderness Areas for 6 months (late next spring). But Watt clearly plans to push leasing in Wilderness Areas and a major battle is sure to erupt next summer when the moratorium expires. An even more critical battle is going on now, however, over oil and gas activity in Forest Service areas recommended for wilderness and BLM WSAs. (One BLM District Wilderness Coordinator in Colorado, in fact, received a personal call of reprimand from BLM National Director "Hereford" Burford for taking an environmental extremist into a BLM WSA to look at a Joe Coors oil well—yes, Virginia, Joe Coors is an oil beast in addition to brewing piss for

culating petitions. Those inspired to do so are encouraged to make up their own petitions using the paragraph below, circulate them and return them to Earth First! We can't wait to march up the the Capitol with 20 million signatures.

**A PETITION TO THE STATES OF AMERICA,** hereby petition our elected representatives in Congress assembled to pass legislation directing the breaching of Glen Canyon Dam and the draining of Lake Powell to allow the Colorado and San Juan Rivers to cleanse their canyons and begin to recreate their wilderness. (On the lines below, include signatures, names and addresses and zips.)

beer)

The area of most concern to EF!, as many of you know, is the half million acre Gros Ventre Range in northwestern Wyoming just outside of Jackson. This superlative wild area, recommended for wilderness for the last 50 years, and providing some of the best big game habitat in the Lower 48 is slated to be raped by Getty Oil Company next summer when they bulldoze a road seven miles into the heart of the area up Little Granite Creek to put in a natural gas exploration well on an alpine saddle. Locals are furious. The Teton County Chamber of Commerce has come out strongly against drilling. (One local hunting guide was heard stating in the Cowboy Bar this fall: "I ain't gonna write a letter or go to a hearing, but if Getty tries to put a f---\* rig up Little Granite Creek, I'm gettin' my horse and 30 aught 6.")

\*note on the expulsive deleted. While Earth First! feels that we should always strive to exercise our right to say any damn thing we want, we are currently in the position of deciding whether we want to be dragged into court over obscenity issues or environmental issues. Until further notice, this newsletter shall use the "f---" method of translation.

The Oil and Gas War On Wilderness is EARTH FIRST!'s number one issue for the Rocky Mountain West; the Gros Ventre is the first battle in that War. Next summer, local EF'ers in Jackson, with support from EF'ers all over America, will occupy the access route into Little Granite Creek and blockade any attempts by anyone to build a road or put in a drilling rig. **THEY WILL NOT PASS.** The Gros Ventre is an OMDB Issue—Over My Dead Body. We will occupy the Gros Ventre from snowmelt until snowfall next summer to stop Watt and Getty. The focal point of the occupation will be the 4th of July when the Second Annual Sagebrush Patriot Rally takes place at Little Granite Creek, featuring Ed Abbey, Johnny Sagebrush, Howie Wolke, Dave Foreman, and others. Plan your vacation next summer for northwest Wyoming: climb in the Tetons, backpack the Winds, raft the Snake, and stand with EARTH FIRST!

Wyoming: climb in the

Tetons, backpack the Winds, raft the Snake, and stand with EARTH FIRST! County for a day, a week, or a month to stop the destruction throughout the winter and spring. If you'd like to help, contact EF! (EARTH FIRST! PO Box 26221 Salt Lake City, Utah 84126). We need folks to publicize the action in their area, organize car pools to the Gros Ventre, as well as people to coordinate the blockade and take on specific tasks for it. Send your letters to the attention of Dave Foreman.

EF! hopes the Gros Ventre Occupation will dramatize the destruction of the American Wilderness for short-term, uneconomic energy fixes. Not only will we blockade access into the Gros Ventre, but EF! will blockade attempts to destroy *any* Wilderness Area in America for oil and gas mineral entry.

EARTH FIRST! is currently

ly drafting legislation that will: 1. Amend the Wilderness Act to repeal Section 4(d)(2) & (3) and withdraw all areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System from mineral entry and oil & gas leasing.

2. Effect an emergency withdrawal under FLPMA for oil and gas leasing for all RARE II areas recommended by the USFS for Wilderness and all BLM WSAs.

If you would like to help with EF!'s Oil & Gas War Committee, contact Dave Foreman. You might also

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18. **Wild Missouri Preserve:** 2 million acres in New Jersey including the Atlantic coastal plain.

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impact on the economy or our standard of living but that they are the minimum required if the United States is to have a healthy land community. In addition to the preserves, the EF! Platform includes other demands for reasonable land management. We are interested in comments on the Platform as well as suggestions for additional preserves and volunteers who will do more detailed work on each. All acreages are approximate.

1. **Northern Maine Preserve:** Expand Baxter State Park to include the Allegash and St. John's Rivers in a 5 million acre wilderness. Most of this land is uninhabited and would only require closing logging roads and be returned to nature. Each preserve will be large enough to function as a complete ecosystem with all known components introduced where applicable (bison, wolf, grizzly, etc.). We believe that these preserves will not have a nationally significant

1. **Pine Barrens Preserve:** 1 million acres in New Jersey including the Atlantic coastal plain.

3. **Southern Appalachian Preserve:** Expand Great Smoky Mountains National Park into a 3 million acre wilderness.

4. **Everglades Preserve:** Expand the park north to Lake Okeechobee for a total of 5 or 6 million acres. Few people would be dislocated and the whole watershed would be protected.

5. **Southern Bottomlands Preserve:** About 2 or 3 million acres of southern floodplain forest, pines, and hardwoods. Possibly along the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers in southwest Alabama.

6. **Atchafalaya Preserve:** 2 million acres of swamplands in southern Louisiana.

7. **Deciduous Forest Preserve:** 3 million acres of eastern deciduous forest straddling the wild Ohio River. A good location might be along the Ohio/West Va. border much of Huntingdon and including much of the Wayne Nat'l Forest.

Much reclamation work required but recovery is rapid in this area.

8. **Oak-Hickory Prairie Preserve:** serve: about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 million acres of this transitional zone in Illinois.

9. **Ozark Preserve:** 2-3 million acres of oak-hickory, other forest types, and wild rivers in Arkansas and Missouri.

10. **Tall Grass Prairie Preserve:** At least 3 million acres probably around the Flint Hills in eastern Kansas. Total wilderness including reintroduced free-roaming bison, wolves, grizzly, etc.

11. **Short Grass Prairie Preserve:** A similar 3 million acre Preserve: a possible location would be the western Dakotas.

12. **Sand County Preserve:** 1 million acres in central Wisconsin in honor of Aldo Leopold.

13. **Hill Country Preserve:** 1-2 million acres in the oak woodlands and rangelands of the Edwards Plateau of Texas.

14. **Big Thicket Preserve:** 2 million acres. Long live the Ivory-billed Woodpecker!

15. **South Texas Brush Country Preserve:** 1 million acres south of San Antonio. Ocelots and jaguarundis.

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drop Rep. Manuel Lujan a line, thanking him for his courageous act in defense of Wilderness and your own Senators and Reps demanding that they save OUR Oil Beasts. (US House of Representatives, Wash. DC 20515, US Senate, Wash. DC 20510)

The Oil Industry and their toady, "Ronnie Rayguns" have asked for a fight. Now they got it. AND WE DON'T PLAN TO BACK DOWN.

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Oct 26—SPRINGFIELD, MO—an afternoon rally at SMSU, followed by a singing press conference, and an evening presentation before 75 wonderful folks at Lindbergh's Bar in the evening.

Oct 31—BISTI BADLANDS, NM—EF! appeared at the Sierra Club's rally to protest Public Service Company of New Mexico's plans to strip mine the Bisti for coal.

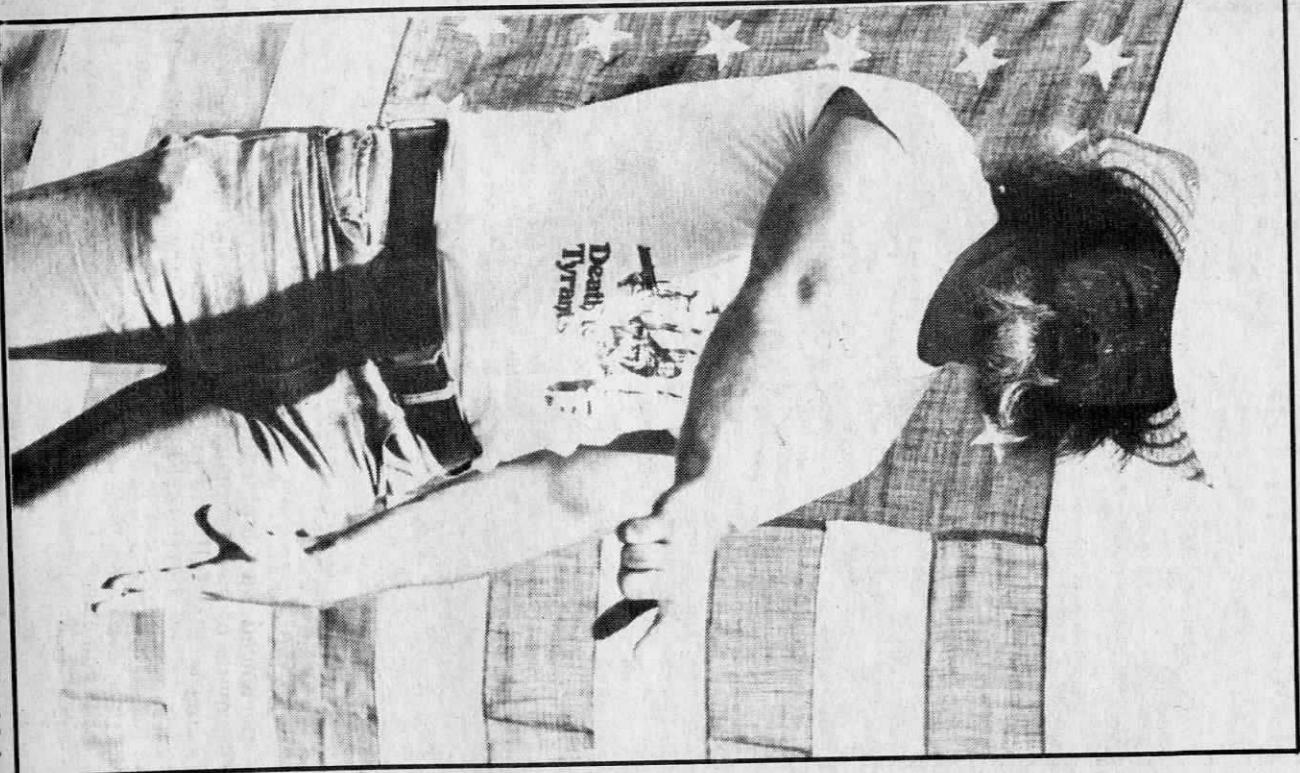
Nov 9—ALBUQUERQUE, NM—nearly 100 attended an evening gig at the Univ. of New Mexico. A singing press conference earlier in the day.

Nov 10—DURANGO, CO—a potluck dinner followed by a show at Ft. Lewis College attended by over 100.

Nov 11—TELLURIDE, CO—50 folks at the Elks Lodge (formerly the bank



James G. Watt refused to appear in person at the "Sagebrush Patriots Rally" to accept his plaque naming him EF! Honorary Member Chairperson, so his double showed up instead. Watt's look-a-like promised to make the environment the "VietNam of the Eighties." bring it home as it were. He also promised to remain at his post "until the end of this administration, or the world, whichever comes first."



Dave Foreman unleashes his tongue during this summer's 4th of July "Sagebrush Patriots' Rally" as he exposes the REAL traitors to the land: the "Sagebrush Rebels," and the corporate/industrial complex behind them.

Oct. 16—WILLIMANTIC, CT—25 folks at a local church.

Oct 17—WASHINGTON, DC—An EF! party attended by over 30.

Oct 20—WASHINGTON, DC—An EF! demonstration in favor of James Watt on the Capitol steps featuring our imitable Watt impersonator, Big Don Schwartz-

eneiger.

Oct 21—STAUNTON, VA—75 really enthusiastic and hard-drinking eco-crazies at an evening college presentation.

Oct 22—HIGHLANDS, NC—a dinner, party, and strategy session with 20 local conservationists.

Oct 24—LITTLE ROCK, ARK—a benefit concert for EF! attended by over 200 people.

robbed by Butch Cassidy. Nov 12—GARDNER, CO—a potluck and show with 40 back-to-the-landers.

Nov 14—DENVER, CO—25 folks attended an afternoon show.

Nov 15—BOULDER, CO—a picnic and then over 200 students at Utah State for a noon show followed by a sing-along at a local bar that evening.

Nov 18—SALT LAKE CITY, UT—40 folks at an evening show, preceded by a singing press conference.

Nov 19—MOAB, UT—40 crazies at a beer bust, show, and Ms. Mutant Contest at the Poplar Place followed by a near brawl between EF!ers and Uranium miners at Woody's Bar the next night (Uranium miners: "Let's fight those guys." "What guys?" "Those big gorillas over there.")

Nov 21—FLAGSTAFF, AZ—An easy going party and cookout with 20 folks.

Nov 24—TUCSON, AZ—Dave and Johnny appeared at an Anti-Watt rally at the

#### MOVING?

Moving? Third class bulk mail is about half as expensive for us to mail as first class, but might be less expensive. Newsletters on which we mark "Forwarding or return postage guaranteed." So to eliminate what could be a disastrous expense, please send us your change of address ASAP.



Part of the mock jury trial which found Watt guilty of High Crimes Against the Environment. "Rape & Run" Watt was inside a building to the rear at the time, trying to chum it up with the guvs. Sept. 11, '81.

U of Arizona—over 200 participants.

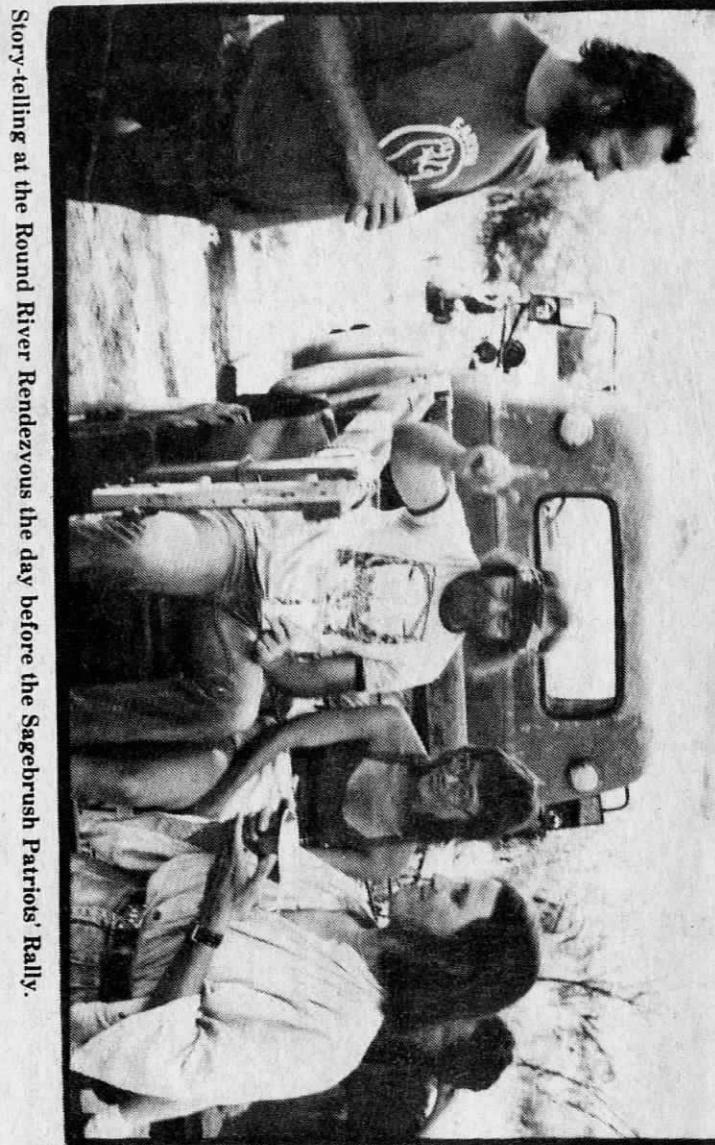
Nov 26—SILVER CITY, NM—35 folks at a picnic and sing along.

All of us involved with the Road Show (Karen, Shaaron, Ron, Bart, and Dave) would really like to thank all you wonderful folks out there who put the local gigs together, fed us, and showed us a good time. We also want to thank the warm response we got everywhere we went and welcome all the new EF!ers we now have through the Road Show.

Bart and Dave would particularly like to thank Karen Tanner, Shaaron Netherton, and Ron Kezar for holding things together. If you have news clippings, please send them to Karen Tanner, 1640 Davidson, Reno, NV 89509.

As the EF! Anti-Watt rally in Jackson began, twenty or so Pro-Watters tried to drown us out with the horns on their 4-wheel land-destroyers. Ten minutes later, however, they gave up as 350 singing demonstrators won out.

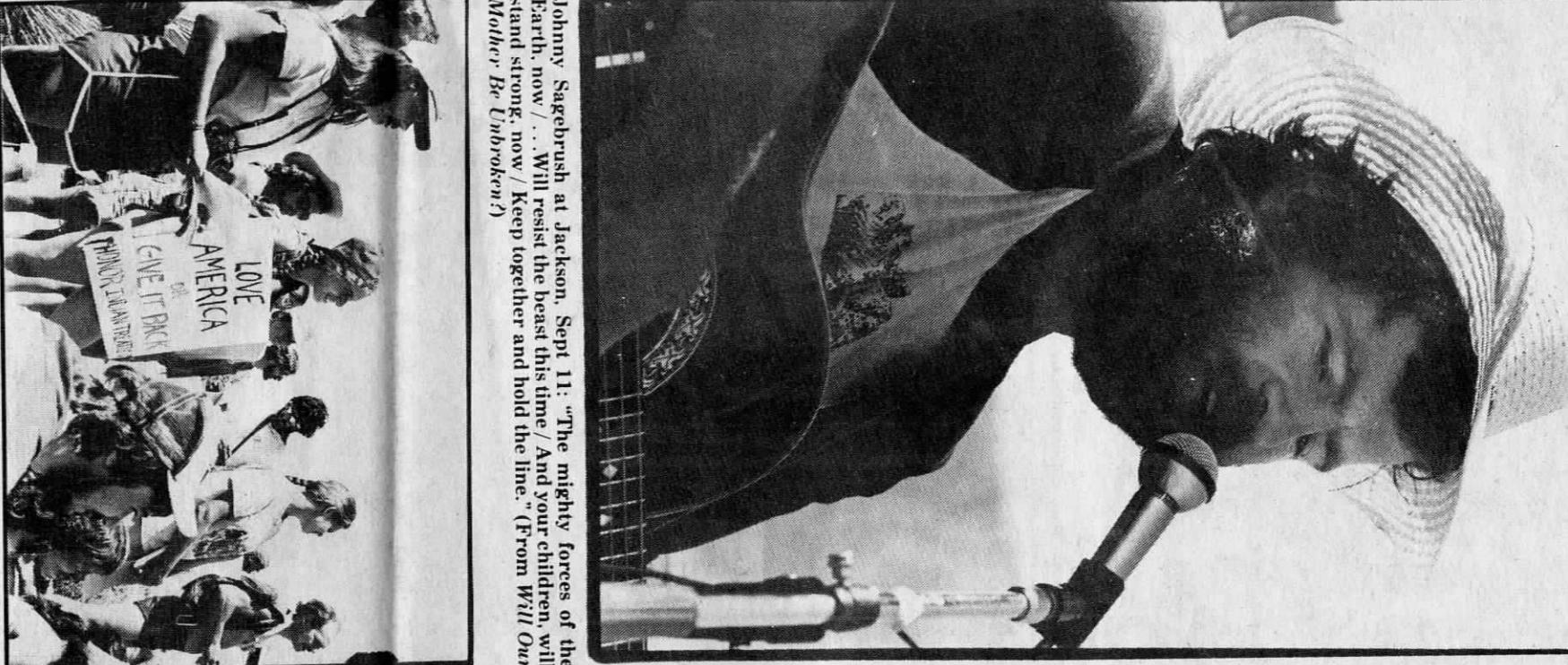
Foreman and others at Jackson asserting their support of Howie Wolke's speech, wherein Howie defends the Gros Ventre as wilderness, and calls for its defense.



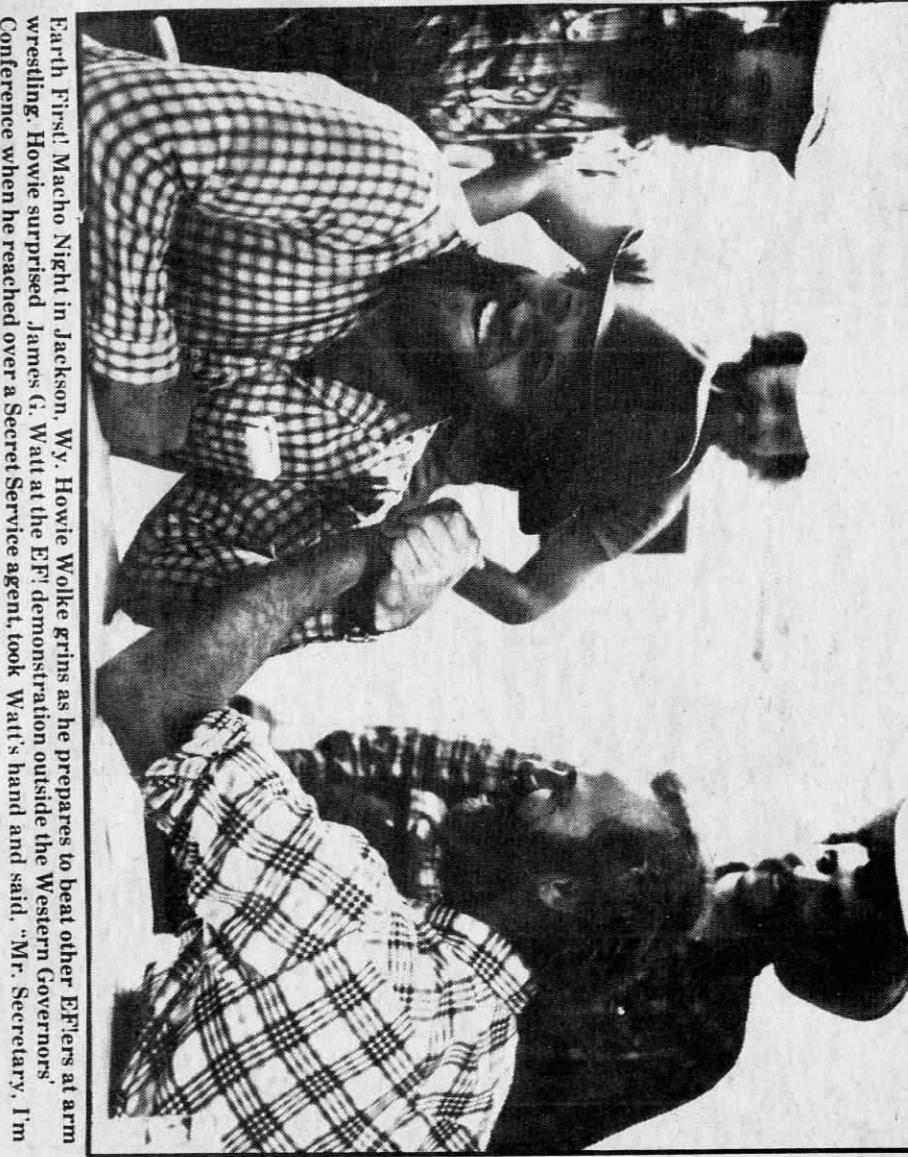
In less than one year, Earth First! has grown in membership from five to over 2,000.



Sagebrush Patriots at the 4th of July rally in Arches Natl. Park.



Johnny Sagebrush at Jackson, Sept 11: "The mighty forces of the Earth, now... Will resist the beast this time/ And your children, will stand strong, now/ Keep together and hold the line." (From *Will Our Mother Be Unbroken?*)



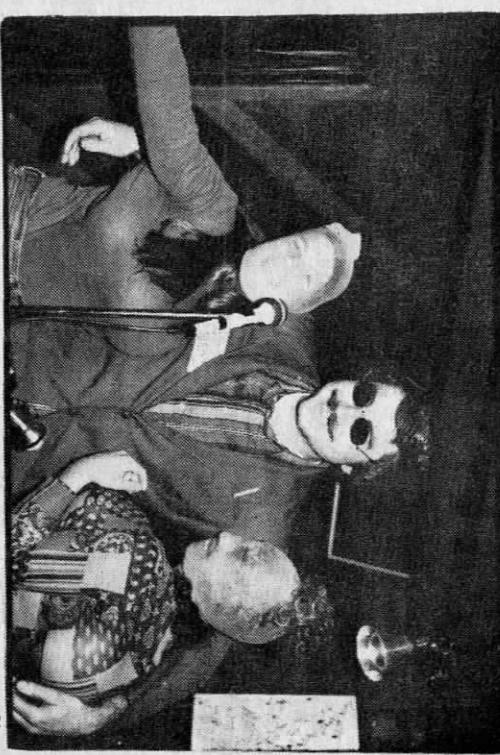
Earth First! Macho Night in Jackson, Wyo. Howie Wolke grins as he prepares to beat other EF'ers at arm wrestling. Howie surprised James G. Watt at the EF! demonstration outside the Western Governors' Conference when he reached over a Secret Service agent, took Watt's hand and said, "Mr. Secretary, I'm Howie Wolke and I organized the Anti-Watt rally over there."

## You and Earth First!

EARTH FIRST! has experienced a tremendous growth of new supporters during this fall due to the Road Show and the article in the PROGRESSIVE Magazine. We'd like to welcome all you new folks most heartily and hope to see you at future EF! gatherings (plan on the Gros Ventre!). Clearly, the heart and soul of EARTH FIRST! is going to be its local groups and supporters. EF! will survive as a movement and a cause only if EF'ers across the nation get together locally to fight on their own issues and

come together nationally to confront the beast of industrial civilization when necessary. In the future, the EF! Newsletter will regularly list addresses for local EF! groups or for local EF! contact persons. This will allow EF'ers to get in touch with others in their areas. If you would like to be listed as a local contact for EF! or for a local group, please send your name and address to EF! or for a local group. If you want to be active locally, contact Dave Foreman. If

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Radioactivity takes its toll. Moab EF'ers sponsored "Mutant Contest" in conjunction with the EF! Roadshow there. These "mutants" devor a plate of the EF! Benefit Dinner, offered prior to the festivities.

# The Open Page

A DISCUSSION-ORIENTED FORUM FOR "ECO-ACTIONS AND TACTICS," NONE OF WHICH EARTH FIRST! OR THIS NEWSLETTER NECESSARILY SUPPORTS OR CONDONES.

Although Earth First! advocates direct political action to solve the environmental crisis, our actions are primarily in the form of non-violent civil disobedience and harmless theatrical capers. Earth First! does not advocate more condone violence or sabotage (Why fight the beast on its own terms when we can ridicule it and simply stand in its way?)

However, we have decided to run a regular column of "eco-tactics," which are on the unconventional

## EARTH FIRST! HELP WANTED

An ambitious lawyer or legal team is needed to defend the Earth and U.S. Constitution against the depredations of right-wing, fundamentalist zealots.

**Situation:** In many states (FL, GA, IL, LA, KY, MN, NY, SC, TN and WA, among others) "scientific creationists" are pushing legislation that would require the biblical version of creation to be taught, in the public schools, as having equal validity with evolution.

We believe that this doctrinaire approach is ethno- and anthropocentric and insulting to those of other religious traditions (non-Christian and Christian alike). Also, we believe that it is tantamount to instituting a state religion which is exploitative of the Earth. Implicit in this anti-evolutionism is a continued effort to set man apart from and above the natural world, immune to the laws of nature. The predacious resource policies of Sec. of Interior James G. Watt are a manifestation of this world view. When asked to justify those policies before a Congressional committee, he said that it may not be necessary to preserve resources for future generations, because "I do not know how many future generations we can count on before the Lord returns." Just passing through!

**Action Required—** In states requiring the biblical version of creation (LA and ARK, at least by this writing) suits should be brought requiring that equally valid and more benign creation "myths" (i.e. Native American, Old Nordic, African, etc.) be taught—thus putting things in their proper perspective.

The intended objective of the suit is to focus public attention on the threat posed to one of the most fundamental tenets of the Constitution by the religious ultra-right, as well as their racist, sexist, authoritarian earth-exploiting agenda. Also, it would be fun to kick the yahoos in the pseudo-religious shins.

**Funding:** Initial funding may be available through various grant sources. Additional funding would be on a pass the hat basis, but this could be more than adequate, as the case gains notoriety.

Contact Don S. c/o EF!

Please make copies and distribute to your lawyer friends, and post at law schools, blood donor centers and other pools of legal talent.

## Spikin'

I just returned from the Pacific Northwest, where I discovered the best method of discoloring timber cuttin' since Reaganomics. That is what they call "spikin'" up there. Spikin' is walkin' through the woods to be cut with a few pounds of 20 penny spikes and a nice 2 lb. hand sledge and drivin' the spikes into the choicest lookin' trees. It seems to me that the spikes should be countersunk with another spike and then covered up with some bark or something.

Spikin' won't keep those trees from getting cut, but when they get run through the mill spiky trees pretty well shut down operations. This does have the effect of discouraging any more cutting from a particular area. And anyway, revenge can be sweet.

In fact, this technique has been so

effective that loggers have been beating up, if they can, hippie looking types they find in timber sales. I know that when I used to cut pulp logs in the piney woods, I'd hit a fence staple with my chain saw every once in a while, and let me tell you, it would shore rattle my molars, not to mention my chainsaw! Just think what would happen inside a sawmill!

Pretty soon the timber beasts will probably X-ray logs or use a metal detector, but then you could certainly more cost effective than organizing and making telephone calls and letter writing etc.

Also, it is a hell of a lot more fun. You can work on your tan and maybe catch a few brim while you are spiking cypress. Or do a skipper where appropriate. And if your time is limited, by all means spike stream sides and steep slope, where they have no business cuttin', in the first place. Keep on spikin'.

Leroy Watson  
South Carolina

LEWISTON—Three major dams on the Snake River collapsed early this morning, causing near total inundation of Lewiston, Idaho, and threatening other dams on the lower Columbia.

**Sabotage** is suspected in the 6 AM collapse of Brownlee Dam which also triggered the failures of Ox Bow and Hells Canyon Dams immediately downstream from it. All cities along the banks of the lower Snake and lower Columbia rivers are being evacuated. National Guard and Red Cross units in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho have been activated and the governors of all three states have asked the President to declare the flooded areas a disaster area.

A spokesman for the builder and operator of the dams on the Columbia, said that more dams could be lost as the flood proceeds downstream. "We're talking about a lot of water here," John McMillan said, "and it's coming all at once. The rivers were already at flood stage when this happened, with the dams running water over their spillways."

A spokesman said that headquarters received three phone calls this morning from organizations claiming that they had blown up Brownlee Dam. He said that the calls are being investigated, but that they were probably crank calls. He said that no one has any idea at this time what caused the dam to collapse.

The first call was apparently from a woman who said the Columbia Liberation Organization had demolished Brownlee with a man-made precision earthquake.

"She said, 'Our operation was timed to coincide with high water and full dams and for least possible impact on salmon fry. We expect most of the dams on the lower Columbia to be wiped out, and we trust you will have enough sense not to rebuild them. Without dams to hinder the migration of salmon up and down stream and to drown

spawning habitat behind lakes, we look forward to the return of salmon runs to their former magnificence."

"Sorry about the mess," she said, "but you left us no alternative." Joined by a chorus of voices in the background, she shouted, "Roll on Columbia!" and adding, "Your dams are the biggest mistake yet by a man," she hung up.

Another caller said he was an Indian and claimed to represent the Indian Fishing Alliance. He said, "A bunch of us redskins blew up that . . . dam you rednecks built for your selfish reasons, and we hope it takes out every dam on the Columbia with it. We are freeing our river and our fish, and we will spear fish again from the places where our ancestors fished."

The third caller claimed to represent a group called Free Cellio, which he said had blown up the dam. He said the group has ten members who have "dreamed of a free-flowing Columbia for many years and finally got up the guts to do something about it."

He also said, "Cellio Falls, which was drowned by your dam in the 50's, became the symbol of our dream. Only four of us are old enough to have seen that beautiful falls, that gift of God. We are reclaiming God's creation, and we are using His own methods to do it."

He continued, "God created the coulees with a massive flood, backed up water over millions of acres at the end of the ice age. Now we are cleansing His river with another flood—you might say that we are the *real* bureau of reclamation! Our flood is nothing compared to His, but it's the biggest we could manage. We would have done the Grand Coulee too, but it was just too big for us to crack." He said that Free Cellio is nine christians and a powder monkey doing God's work.

**Creative Endeavors**  
*This column is dedicated to all you EF'ers who wish to send us copies of your poems, short stories, book reviews, cartoons, drawings and graffiti.*

**Fire Takes Art's House**  
*Your house burned down \* all the books \* poems \* letters \* things you loved to touch base with totems of the past \* now leap into flame \* you are bereft \* transformed \* a refugee condemned to dream row \* the all your life you will find yourself sifting through the ashes \* the*

*mothering*  
*For the patriarchy is rapidly destroying our Mother* is rapidly loved to touch base with totems of the past \* now leap into flame \* you are bereft \* transformed \* a refugee condemned to dream row \* the

*Holes in our Mother will be our burial sites*  
*Look to our foremothers*  
*Honor their rituals and passages*  
*Fight for Her*

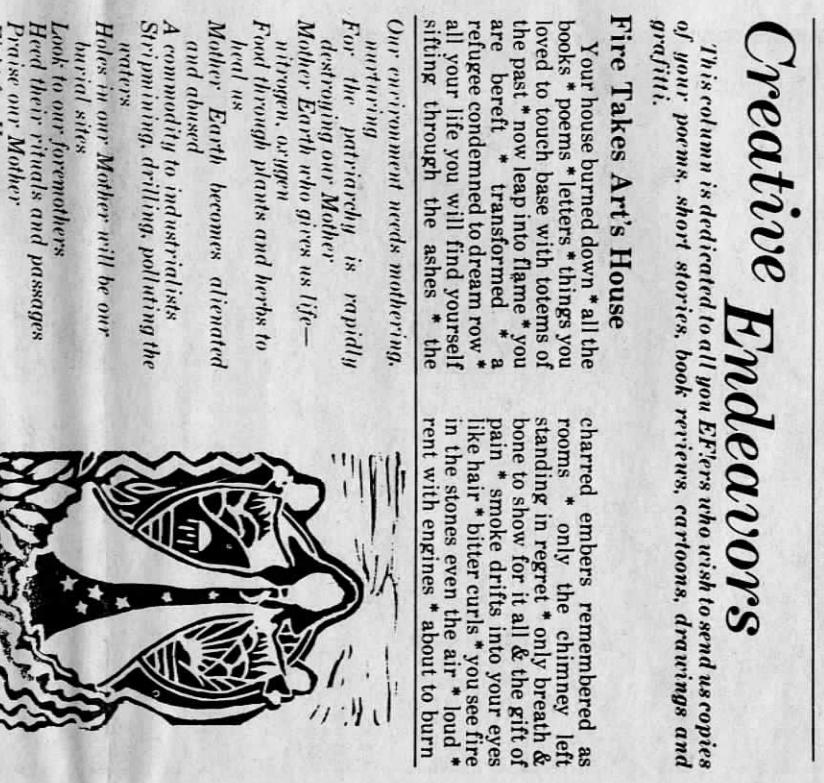
**poem & woodcut by Anne Carr,  
SLC, UT**

**Yellowcake, Green Tables and Rednecks**

It began innocently enough. Six Earth Firsters out for the evening in Moab, Utah. The Roadshow at the Poplar Place Tavern the night before had been a roaring success.

"Well, hell," one of us said, "lets go to Woody's."

Having listened to folks talk the night before and during the day, we had learned of mounting tension and polarization in Moab over the issue of N-plant waste disposal. In nearby San Juan County, close to the entrance to one of the



least appreciated but most awesome of the national parks, the DOE has been considering (quite seriously) the idea of dumping the bulk of this country's commercial reactor waste. Those 13,200,000 pounds of fissioned matter would be scooped up from around the country, loaded into king-sized canisters, and be shipped off to the heart of red rock country, right next door to Canyonlands National Park.

Some of the area's resi-

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dents heartily support the plan, especially uranium miners who are facing and experiencing layoffs due to the decreased demand for nuclear fuel. And uranium miners go to the little beer joint called Woody's.

Having won the pool table away from a very drunk longhaired uranium miner and his friend, we were having a relaxed time drinking beers, playing eight ball and discussing Earth First! issues.

appeared before us one highly agitated and rather fierce looking uranium miner.

"You guys talk pretty big. Which one of you wants to step outside and fight about it?"

"Listen, pal," one of us said. "We're not interested in fighting you. We'd just as soon stay in here and play pool."

The dialogue continued along these lines for a few seconds until finally the miner drew up his fists, called a few of his buddies over and said, "Hey boys, we got us a fight here!"

After having jumped up to see what the commotion was about, however, the miner's cohorts shuffled back to their perches apparently not interested in fighting all of us.

"Well, I know what I'm going to do," said the fierce one. "I'll just go call some of our friends to come down here and take care of all of ya."

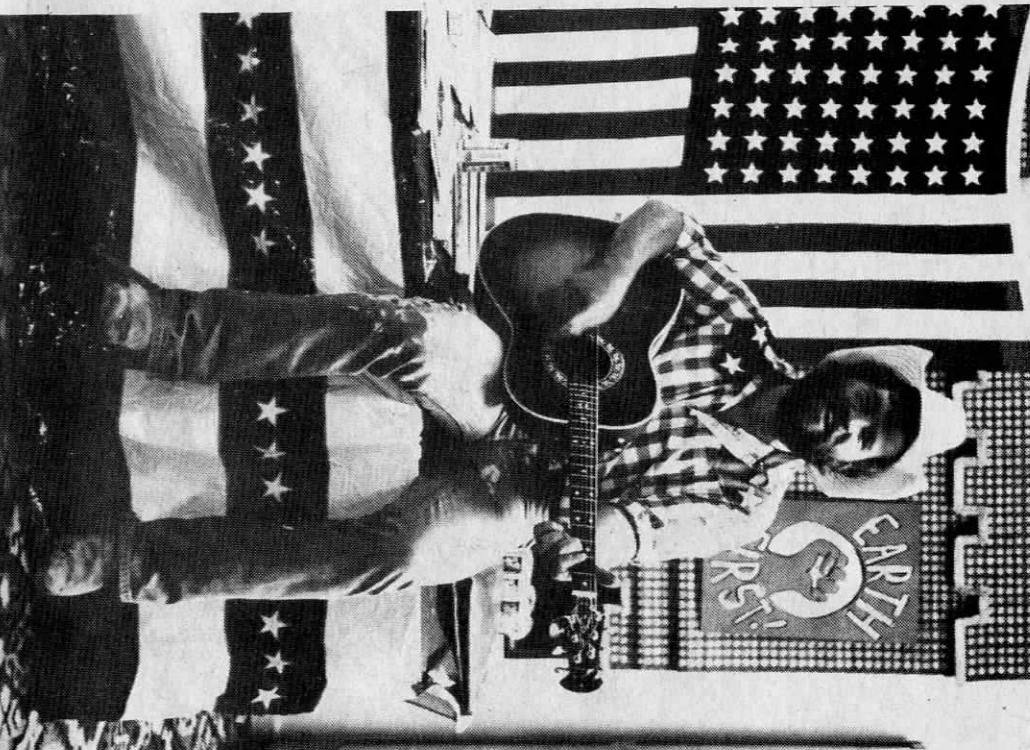
The uranium miner walked outside. We played more pool, had a few more beers, exchanged pleasantries with the remaining customers and began feeling a little apprehensive.

Suddenly, he was back. Smiling.

"You guys want to clear out of here, you better do it any moment. And as the evening wore on, one Earth First'er after another began leaving Woody's. When Digger emerged from an extended restroom visit, he saw that all of us had wandered off.

"Perhaps this is the moment they have been waiting for," Digger thought as he looked around at a bar full of not particularly friendly-looking folks.

But the last Earth First'er at Woody's that evening walked out to find his friends and get some sleep in peace. This time.



Green Peace Still Kicking

The ecological action group, Greenpeace, which recently turned ten years old as an organization, two months ago posted "Danger - Radioactive" signs along I-15 from L.A. through Utah to draw attention to the fact that high-level wastes have been transported along that route.

Lone Wolf Circles roams the wild spaces of New Mexico and of his mind in search of his wilderness art. His book, *Full Circle*, can be ordered through the Earth First! newsletter at \$4 each plus postage & 10% sales tax for Title Tax.

A black and white photograph showing a deep, narrow valley or canyon. The steep, rocky walls rise high on either side, with sparse vegetation clinging to them. A river or stream bed is visible at the bottom of the valley. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds.

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of it!  
2. Hayduke saves.  
3. Watt next?  
4. Out, damned Watt!

6. Geeks unite!
7. Wilderness. Now or never
8. Rudolf the Red lives.
9. Malthus was right.

10. Rednecks for Wilderness
11. EARTH FIRST!

1. Damn Watt, not rivers.
2. Tree hugger, sagebrush lover.
3. Fight for Wilderness!
4. When freedom is outlawed

- only outlaws will be free.
- 5. Building chaos out  
anarchy for a better  
tomorrow.
- 6. Pagans unite!

7. Another Mormon on drugs
8. Only wimps are against wilderness.
9. Oil drilling in wilderness over my dead body

10. Don't take my wilderness  
my gun.
11. Developers go build in Heaven
12. Nuke Watt!

**13. Impeach Reagan**  
Earth First! brand bumper stickers to entertain passersby are green and white and printed on vinyl for permanency. Due

low runs per slogan, we are forced to sell them for \$2 each to this point. Members receive five stickers of their choice for good slogan ideas we use. Include cents postage for each sticker. UU members add .5¢ sales tax.

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